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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Action mailed September 20, 2005, applicants elect to prosecute the species of claims 1 and 3-9, Species 1 as denominated by the Examiner, a device comprising a protection element being connected between two electrodes of the plurality of electrodes, *with partial traverse*.

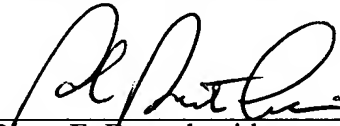
Applicants' traverse is not related to the election of Species 1, which is without traverse. The traverse relates to the Examiner's statement that none of the claims is generic to the ten species identified by the Examiner in the Action.¹ Claim 1 is generic to all ten species. Claim 1 recites a plurality of electrodes and wiring connections and protecting elements among the electrodes. Claim 2 recites three electrodes, i.e., a gate electrode, a source electrode and a drain electrode, and the wiring connections and the protecting elements among the electrodes. Thus,

¹ Applicants note that the Examiner identified two different species as "Species 5" in the Action. Accordingly, the total number of the species identified by the Examiner is ten.

claim 1 covers the structure of claim 2, Species 2. Claim 10 recites six electrodes, i.e., two gate electrodes, two source electrodes and two drain electrodes, and the wiring connections and the protecting elements among the electrodes. Accordingly, claim 1 covers the structure of claim 10, Species 3. All other species, Species 4-10, correspond to the structures of claims depending from claim 1 or claim 10 and are thus covered by claim 1 as well.

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